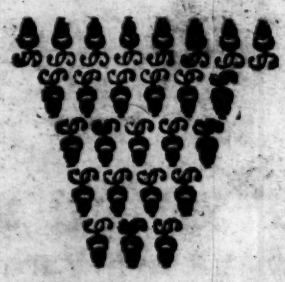


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Citizens of London, &c.

Gentlemen,

NOW the whole Nation is employ'd about making Elections for the Ensuing *Parliament*, and we swarm with Pamphlets bordering upon that Subject; it will not, I presume, be thought Impertinent for an Honest well meaning *Citizen*, among the rest, provided he keeps within the Bounds of Modesty, to deliver his Opinion of this Matter.

And when your *De Foes* and *Tutchins* are busy in Undermining the Foundations of the Government, and Attempting its Ruine, it cannot be Unseasonable to forewarn Men of approaching Mischiefs, and to call upon 'em to prevent them.

You cannot but take Notice that at this time our Affairs are in a most Unhappy Posture. We are unavoidably engag'd in a Foreign War, which exhausts our Treasure, and occasions an Universal Decay of Trade, which is the common Subject of Complaint amongst all our Merchants: But we must be content for the Present, to bear with these Inconveniencies, till it pleases God to Redress them by a General Peace: In the mean time it concerns us to have a watchful Eye upon our *Domestick* Misfortunes, which, if not timely remedy'd, are likely to prove more Fatal to us than all our other Miseries put together.

Bodies Politick are subject to Diseases, as well as *Natural* ones, and of this we have a sad Experience in our own, which at this Juncture labours under a complication of Distempers, by *State Physicians*, commonly call'd by the Name of *Faction*. This *Faction* has of late discover'd it self in very Dangerous Symptoms, and thrown us into Violent Disorders and Convulsions, with which we struggle in vain, and are not able to Conquer them; whether out of Defect of Strength in our Constitution, or for want of Exerting that we have, I shall leave to wiser Heads

However the Case be, we are under a Necessity of fortifying our Constitution with some new Laws, to keep out the Contagious Disease call'd *Faction*, and restore our, now, Sick State, to its Native Health and Vigour.

To this good End, our *Gracious Queen*, having Dissolv'd the *Parliament*, intends shortly to issue out Writs for calling a New One; and then it will concern every true *Englishman* to look about him, and fix his Eye upon such *Gentlemen* as are not Poison'd with this Infectious Distemper; and are sensible of the Mischievous Influence it has upon the Community; and Skilful to put a stop to its Growth and Progress amongst us. These are the *Physicians* upon whom we may safely depend to repair our crazy and decay'd Constitution.

Let us therefore take care to apply to such Persons as are qualify'd to Redress the Grievances we complain of; such as are known Lovers of *Our Constitution* in Church and State, and have, upon all Occasions, approv'd themselves faithful to its truest Interest.

The Preservation of the *Government* is the Great End of *Parliaments*, and those *Gentlemen* who are entirely and heartily in the Interest of the *Constitution*, will by all unprejudic'd Persons, be thought most proper to Represent the Commons in *Parliament*.

Her Majesty at Her Happy Accession to the Crown, express'd the Great Confidence she had in the Members of the *Church of England*, and in Her Speech to the *Parliament*, May 25. 1702. She says, *My own Principles must always keep me Intirely Firm to the Interest, and Religion of the Church of England, and will encline me to Countenance those, who have the Truest Zeal to Support it.*

And as it worthily becomes Good Subjects to pay a dutiful regard to whatever is deliver'd from the Throne; so it must needs be very acceptable to Her Majesty, to find Her Maxims of *Government* approv'd by Her People, in the Choice of such Representatives as are true Members of the *Church of England*.

But because at this time there are *Wolves in Sheeps Cloathing* Abroad, and *Hypocrisy* is too apt to Blind the Eyes, and Infatuate the Minds of Men, even of the Wifest; a word or two of *Advice* from a Friend, will not, I trust, be thought Unseasonable.

There is then a sort of Men with *Us*, who are not of *Us*; they are *Churchmen* in Appearance, and *Dissenters* in Practice; and in order to Deceive the better, they call themselves *Low Church*, or Men of *Moderation*.

This Ambodexterity in Religion and Principles is very dangerous to the Community, in promoting the Interest, and increasing the Party of *Faction*, already too predominant among us; for by the Sly Insinuations, and Artificial Suggestions of these *Fair Pretending*, but *Ill Designing* Men, weak and credulous Minds are Captivated; and Honest Men are Impos'd upon, and led into Mistakes dangerous to the Peace and Welfare of the Community; but 'tis to be hop'd Reason and Experience may convince them how unsafe it is, at this Time especially, to commit their Affairs to such Managers.

Moderation is a kind of *Stalking Horse*, now made use of by the Enemies of the *Church*, till they get in *Gun Shot* of us, and when they are able to do that, we must expect to be pepper'd off with whole Vollies of their *Artillery*; and that you may not be Deceiv'd by the Specious Pretences of these *Fair-spoken* Men, take this short Character of 'em along with you.

A *Moderate Man* is one who has a most excellent Talent at Reviling others by Oblique Insinuations, or downright Ill Language, as it best serves his Purpose: He's too Proud to think 'tis so much as possible for him to be Mistaken, and is on

utter Enemy to all manner of Reproof and Contradiction, and looks upon those that offer it, tho' with all the Tenderness imaginable, not only as his own Private, but Enemies to the Publick, and thinks he do's them no Injustice in calling them *High Flyers, Tantivy Men, Papists, Perkinites, Pensioners of France, Anti-Hannoverians*, and what not.

A *Moderate Man* is one that is a constant Advocate for the *Dissenters*, and Pleads their Cause as strenuously as if they had retain'd him by a Fee for that Purpose. He is a very warm stickler for the Rights of Her *Majesty's* Free-born Subjects, and thinks it hard the *Dissenters* shou'd not have an equal Share in the *Government*, altho' the Law requires such *Tests* as any Honest *Dissenter* who acts upon Principles of Conscience, cannot comply with, as many of themselves are ready enough to acknowledge: But *Moderation*, as they have made it, is a *Twining, Yeilding, Complying, Crafty, Politick Time, and Party Serving Virtue*, and can easily furnish 'em with a *Salvo* for *Scrupulous* Consciences, and make *Occasional* Compliance with a *Law*, tho' contrary to a Man's *Private* Judgment and Conscience, very *Lawful*. The *Necessity* of the Case requires it, and that makes it *Lawful*, say the *Men of Moderation*. I would not call this dispensing with Conscience, because that smells too Rank of *Popery*, a Scent, ye know, very Ungrateful to the *Men of Moderation*.

A *Moderate Man* is very cautious of mentioning the Church, and tho' he goes to it according to Custom, every *Sunday*, you shall never hear him speak a word in its Praise; or, when it's Injur'd, in its just Vindication.

A *Moderate Man* is one that is very free in giving away that, which is not his own to give, which some People call *Injustice*. He is for giving up the Rights and Privileges of the Commons of *England*, to the Jurisdiction of the House of *Lords*; and submitting all Controversies relating to the Powers and Authority of the Commons in Parliament Assembled, to their final and decisive Determination. Of these the Commons have always look'd upon themselves the sole Judges, and reckon them absolutely necessary to the Subsistence of their Constitution.

Lastly, A *Moderate Man* is one who has more regard for his own Private House, than the House of God, and thinks *Theft* a more Heinous Sin than *Sacrilege*. For this Reason he Locks and Barricado's his Doors as fast as he can, to keep out House-Breakers and Robbers; but when Bold and Violent Intruders are for Breaking in upon God's Heritage, he says, *All is Well*. The best way is to let 'em alone; 'tis dangerous disobliging so *Strong a Party*, and to oppose them would portend Mischief to the *Protestant Religion*, and hazard the Publick Peace and Safety. Moderately Grave and Wise! As long as the *Protestant Religion* (that is, any thing which they call so) is Safe, 'tis no matter what comes of the Poor Church of *England*. The *Moderate B. of S.* has taught us to Communicate with Churches of all Denominations, whether they be according to the *Geneva, Amsterdam, or Scotch* Model, or rather than fail, (so Extensive is his Moderation!) that of *England* it self, so long as he continues a Bp.

So that if the Church of *England* should happen to be Abolish'd (as that of *Scotland* was of late) it is our Comfort, that among so many Pretenders to it, we can never want a *Religion*, and according to true *Moderation Principles*, we may take up with any that shall be Trump'd upon us, and so long as that R—P—e lives; we shall never want an Advocate to Write in its Vindication.

But why are these unnecessary Fears and jealousies buzz'd in our Ears, as if the Church of *England* were in any the least Danger from the *Moderate Party*; every body knows the *Virtue* they lay Claim to is a Meek, Harmless, Dove-

like Virtue, and is not in its Nature capable of offering the least Violence to any Person or Society; nay, it is a better Security than any Legal Establishment. Away therefore with your *Antient Fences* and *Bulwarks*, break down your *Enclosures*. Such *Politick Contrivances* do but serve to keep People at a distance, and hinder that *Godly Union* which ought to be betwixt *Protestants*. This is indeed a Glorious Way of Captivating your Enemies, and bringing them over effectually to your Interest; and, Methinks, a Proposal in it self, so reasonable and so apparently conducive to the Publick Good, should not at this time of day meet with any Obstruction.

But hold! Not so hasty. Before we ^{do} ~~that~~ give me leave to refresh your Memories with a late remarkable Story.

It goes for current amongst us, that at the late Memorable Battle at *Hochstedt*, Count *Tallard* left his most considerable Passes open to the Enemies Forces, and was for making Bridges for them to come over; but when the Battle turn'd against him he found his Error, and is now lamenting the unhappiness of his ill Conduct at *Nottingham*.

Felix quem faciunt, &c.

The Story is very apposite, and the Application easy.

Is it not high time for the Honest Churchmen to look about 'em, when the *Moderate* Churchmen and *Protestant* Dissenters have enter'd into so strict an Alliance against them. *Herod* and *Pontius Pilate* are agreed, and we must expect to feel the whole weight of their United Power and Malice; nor is there the least hopes of breaking off this *Fatal Treaty*, since the good *Kirk of Scotland* (*Christians of known Charity and Moderation!*) have, thro' the perswasion of some of their Countrymen here, undertaken to be *Guarantees* for the *Religious* observance of it.

Nay the Union betwixt these Two formidable Parties has of late been so strongly Rivetted, and the *Dissenters* are so fully convinc'd of the *other's* Fidelity and Friendship, they have, by the Advice of the *Observer*, and some of the Top of the Party, taken upon them the Name of *Moderate*, so that the whole Body of 'em consists not only of Low Church but of all sorts of Sectaries amongst us, viz. *Presbyterians*, *Independants*, *Anabaptists*, *Fifth Monarchy Men*, *Quakers*, *Socinians*, *Deists* and *Atheists*, &c. Blessed Company!

These, these are the People listed under the Banner of *Moderation*. Their Name is *Legion*, 'tis a Name they delight in, and 'tis *their own* upon more accounts than one. This is that terrible *Legion*, that is resolv'd to Battle us at the next *Election*.

By way of Challenge, they have already sent out their *Railing Emissaries*, and those who are best at that, are counted most *Moderate*. The Business of these Men is to throw all the Dirt they can upon those Worthy Gentlemen of the *House of Commons*, who were most zealous in hastning the *Necessary Supplies* for carrying on the War *Abroad*; for no other Reason, but because at the same time they were endeavouring, like true *Patriots* of their Country, to settle us in Peace at *Home*, by fortifying our Establishment against the Insolent, and Dangerous Invasions of *Occasional Conformists* upon it.

There were some Gentlemen of the *H. of Commons* who were of Opinion that the *Bill to prevent Occasional Conformity* was of that Consequence to the Nation, that seeing it had been so often repuls'd in the House of *Lords*, they were resolv'd to Tack it to the *Land Tax*, and by *One Law* make Provision for carrying on the War *Abroad*, and Establishing our Security at *Home*. But upon

This Proceeding in the *House of Commons* gave the *Party* a just occasion of expressing their Resentment against the *Tackers*, which they have been careful to do in such Terms, as would be likely to render 'em most Odious to the People. To this End they have Printed their Names in *Red Letters*, and scatter'd these Lists up and down the *Country* and in *Corporations*, hoping by this Means to set aside those *Honest Gentlemen*, and make way for themselves, at the next *Election*: And to their Eternal Honour be it spoken, this thorough-stitch way of *Calumniating* was Invented by the Men of *Moderation*. O the Candour and Ingenuity! Oh the Goodness, Gentleness, Meekness, Tenderness and Charity of the *Party*!

These, these are the Blessed Measures *Legion* takes to Conjure up the Fears and Jealousies of the People: and by these Wicked Arts the Ignorant are Deluded and Bubbled out of their Senses: But 'tis to be hop'd, you Gentlemen, who live in this Great City, and have opportunities of informing your selves, and knowing better, are not to be impos'd upon by the Popular Artifices of these *Self-Interested* and ill Designing Men. You can never certainly be induc'd to believe that those Gentlemen, who promoted the *Occasional Bill* had a Design to Abrogate the *Act of Toleration*: because the *Preamble* of that Bill sets forth, *That an Indulgence to Consciences truly Scrupulous, is agreeable to the Christian Religion, and particularly to the Doctrine of the Church of England*, and that therefore the *Toleration Act* ought inviolably to be preserv'd—What better Security can the Conscientious *Dissenter* desire for his *Toleration* than this? And what more Substantial Proof could the *House of Commons* have given of their real Intention to preserve it Inviolably? But some Men are not to be satisfy'd; and 'tis in vain to Reason with those, who shut up their Ears against Reason.

And as this express Declaration ought by all reasonable Men to be admitted for a just and sufficient Vindication of those *Gentlemen*, who Voted for the *Occasional Bill* last Session, so it is hop'd it may be an Inducement for us to Choose them and others of the same Principles, to serve in the next *Parliament*.

We have had long Experience of the Wise Conduct of these *Gentlemen* in the worst of Times, that they have always stood in the Gap, and in our Greatest Dangers sav'd us from Destruction.

These are the Men who have all along cheerfully assisted *Her Majesty* with the Necessary Supplies for carrying on the War against *France*, and 'twas lately a very great Grief to them to find their Good Intentions obstructed by those Slow and Moderate Measures, that were taken *elsewhere*: And as they have been very *Liberal* in giving Money for the *Publick Service*, so they have been as *Provident* in the Management of it, as others (good *Stewards* of the Publick) have in former Times, been profuse in Squandering it away. To this End they are diligent in Inspecting the Accompts of the Nation, and for proceeding against those who have Imbezzled the Publick Treasure; and I hope none of you will think the worse of 'em for their Good Husbandry. I'm sure there was great need of such *Active Spirits* among us, when so many Millions (some say upwards of Thirty) had been lavish'd away, of which no Account could be, or has yet been given.

These are the Men who dare be Honest, and True to the Interest of their Country in Perilous Times, when we see others, such as your *D—nts*, *H—nds*, *H—ges*, *H—lys*, *H—rts*, Sneak from their Principles for a Place, and joyn with a *Faction* against the *Constitution*.

These are the Men that are not to be Brib'd by Preferments, or Aw'd by the Frowns of the Greatest *M—rs* or Court Favourites. No. They are above
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the Base Arts of Servile Flattery, and Sordid Obsequiousness to Greedy and Ambitious Courtiers, the way Meaner Spirits take to make themselves Considerable.

These are Men of the Greatest Estates and Fortunes in the Kingdom, but are chiefly Valuable for their Great Integrity, and Both joyn'd together, must needs set them above the reach of *Temptation*.

These are the Men whose Eyes are always fix'd upon those of the highest Stations, and whenever they find them Tripping and Transgressing the Laws, will not be afraid to bring them to the Bar of Justice, and call them to Account for their Mismanagements.

These are the Men who are for keeping the Ballance of Power even, and as they are Honest to contain themselves within the Limits of their own just Power, so they are Resolute to Maintain that Power the Laws and Immemorial Custom has given them against all Invaders whatsoever; and they conceive they have done their Electors Justice in Punishing a late Insolent Contempt of their Authority, in the Persons of the *Aylesbury Men*, and that they could not have done otherwise without Betraying the Liberties of their Country, with which they are entrusted. If you desire to be better inform'd about this Matter, let me Recommend to you a Paper, Entitul'd, *Pro Aris & Focis*; or, a *Vindication of the Commons Proceedings on the Writs of Habeas Corpus, &c.* in which you will find that Matter clear'd up to your Satisfaction.

Lastly, These are the Men who Judge it Necessary, for the Peace and Happiness of the Kingdom, Religiously to adhere to the *Protestant Succession*, as the *Crown* is by Law settled upon the *Illustrious House of Hannover*: And to shew their Sense of this Matter, and convince the *Nation* they were in good Earnest, a Proposal was made last *Session of Parliament*, for calling over the *Presumptive Heir*, to reside amongst us, but this was oppos'd at C——t, and the M——ry would not come into it: but loaded it with Objections, and so it is laid aside for the present, but there may possibly come a favourable Opportunity to resume it.

Thus I have given you the *True Characters* of Two very Different Sorts of Men, which of 'em is the Best Qualify'd to serve you, I must leave with you to Determine. But I hope we shall concur in our Judgments to Choose thoroughpac'd Church Men, and True *Englishmen* to Represent us; such as will be careful of Defending our *Religious* as well as Civil Interests, and conveying our Constitution safe to Posterity. Our Enemy's are at work. They are *True Children of this World*, and I must say in their Commendation, they are *Wiser in their Generation* than we generally are. And as it Nearly concerns, so it will Worthily become us to Imitate their Example in this Particular. We are Contending *Pro Aris & Focis*, for all that Dearest and most Valuable to Us, our *Religion* and *Constitution*. Those are certainly Good Things, and we ought to be zealously Affected towards them; we must not sit at Home in our Shops and Comping-Houses: but be Hearty in Promoting the Common Interest abroad amongst our Friends, Acquaintance, and Dependants.

And if you can be Perswaded to set about the Work in Earnest, and take true Pains, I see no Reason you have to fear the Success of your Endeavours.